

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney of record Hwa C. Lee on May 20, 2009.
3. Claims 16, 18-23 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claims 1-4, 6-15, 24-29, 32-37 and 39-41** are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Claims 1, 24, and 32, are allowed in view of Applicant's arguments filed on February 26, 2009.

With respect to claims 1, 24, and 32, the closest prior art, Eng (US 2002/0077107) teaches the telecommunication node determines an optimal route based on the stored data and the subscription information, and Sears (US 2002/0069263)

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teaches an apparatus, method, and means are provided for seamless and optimized interaction between users, devices, and applications located in a network environment, and further Hoffman (US 6,622,017) teaches the terminal devices for a wireless communication network are manufactured and distributed with predetermined communication capabilities and a minimal operation capability, alone or in combination, the limitations of claims 1, 24 and 32 as set forth above.

But Eng, Sears and Hoffman fail to anticipate or render obvious, alone or in combination, the features of receiving a selection from the mobile device of at least one of the available service providers and at least one of the associated subscription choices that comprise the mobile calling plan from the mobile device over the wireless communication path; and activating a service corresponding to the at least one selected service provider and at least one associated subscription choice that comprises the mobile calling plan in response to the selection received from the mobile device as set forth in claims 1, 24 and 32.

Dependent Claims 2-4, 6-15, 25-29, 33-37, and 39-41 are allowable based on being dependent on allowable claims as set forth above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lewis (US 6,965,781) teaches an apparatus and method for obtaining IRDB information for a mobile communication device in a multi-service telecommunication service provider environment, but Lewis is silent on the features of receiving a selection from the mobile device of at least one of the available service providers and at least one of the associated subscription choices that comprise the mobile calling plan from the mobile device over the wireless communication path; and activating a service corresponding to the at least one selected service provider and at least one associated subscription choice that comprises the mobile calling plan in response to the selection received from the mobile device.

Kim (US 7,120,436) teaches a method and system is for automatically updating a home-zone list in a subscriber database as the configuration of a cell changes in a cellular mobile telecommunication system mounted with a home-zone service center.

Neudeck (US 2002/0097855) teaches a device that chooses a phone service for a call, based in part on the different calling plans, the time of the call.

Deshpande (US 2003/0003933) teaches a Mobile client for multi-service provider network environment.

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McCormack (US 2003/0074660) teaches a digital identity server operating as a node on a distributed computing network such as the Internet.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael T. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-8131. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles N. Appiah can be reached on 571-272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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